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378 days of the Israeli aggression against Gaza

Daily Report on the Effects of the Israeli Aggression in Palestine

Catastrophic situation in numbers; the deadliest year for Palestinians

From October 7th until October 18th, 2024

Some of the information contained in this report is as of Thursday evening, 17th October 2024.

The Emergency Operations Center at the Ministry of Health in Ramallah supervises the data collection process through its offices in Gaza. Numbers are updated every 24 hours. These numbers reflect confirmed statistics only but do not necessarily reflect all victims due to the fact that many victims are still missing under the rubble.

The escalating atrocities in Palestine because of Israeli occupation aggression surpass mere numerical reporting, constituting severe violations of all human rights. The health system is deliberately targeted, amounting to genocide on the Palestinian people. This insufferable situation demands immediate intervention. We call upon all international humanitarian and health organizations to urgently enter Gaza, ensuring protection for health workers, facilities, and civilians. Tangible advocacy and pressure for an immediate ceasefire and an end to the ongoing siege on Gaza is imperative to halt this humanitarian crisis.[1][2][3]

Overview:

- Based on data from the Emergency Operations Center in Gaza, as of October 18th 2024, the total number of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupation forces in the Gaza Strip since October 7, 2023, is as follows:
- **Total number of martyrs: 42,500**
- Martyrs with complete data as of August 31, 2024: **34,344**
- Martyrs with incomplete data as of August 31, 2024: **6,034**
- Child martyrs with complete data as of August 31, 2024: **11,355**
- Woman martyrs with complete data as of August 31, 2024: **6,297**
- Elderly martyrs with complete data as of August 31, 2024: **2,955**
- ***It is important to note that martyrs with incomplete data are those whose full details have not been fully recorded. This data includes: (full name, ID number, sex, date, and place of martyrdom). Any new information related to these martyrs, once fully entered, will be counted among the martyrs with complete data and classified accordingly into categories of women and children.**

[1] https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/11/gaza-un-experts-call-international-community-prevent-genocide-against
[2] https://www.un.org/unispal/document/gaza-un-experts-decry-bombing-of-hospitals-and-schools-as-crimes-against-humanity-call-for-prevention-of-genocide/
[3] https://www.icj-cij.org/sites/default/files/case-related/192/192-20231229-pre-01-00-en.pdf?fbclid=PAAaanjzZcW1N3X8xUa5n2vOtSmJXRZGtuX25ee7DicJ6lvDv9355FU9Nco_w_aem_Af1J7V-j8tYZ0pM_D1CQooNZ6b2IctzS9pzFrRP92oaCO9tBVKTDkMB8DYqdS1aGUDk

- The total number of martyrs does not include the number of missing persons or under rubble, which has reached approximately **10,000** as of the date of the report.
- Additionally, about **99,600** Palestinians have been injured, many of whom are suffering from severe trauma and life-threatening conditions.

- Minister of Health Dr. Majed Abu Ramadan: The second round of the emergency polio vaccination campaign in the central governorate, which lasted for four days, has ended. The teams will begin tomorrow, Saturday, the second round of the campaign in the governorates of Khan Yunis and Rafah for four days, and then in the governorates of Gaza and the North.
- Again, the Israeli occupation forces is launching a military operation in northern Gaza area, which is now witnessing more destruction.
- Israeli occupation forces are firing at Kamal Adwan Hospital in the North Gaza Governorate and surrounding Kamal Adwan, the Indonesian, and Al-Awda Hospitals, calling for their evacuation.
- Only 15 of Gaza's 36 hospitals are functional, all of them partially, facing critical shortages.
- The World Food Programme (WFP) calls for the immediate opening of all access points, emphasizing that its ability to support people in need is deteriorating.
- Health and environmental risks are on the rise due to fuel shortages, limited access to clean water, sewage overflow, accumulation of solid waste, and infrastructural damage, UNRWA and partners warn.
- The volume of medical supplies entering Gaza is insufficient to sustain the health response and all medical evacuations outside Gaza remain halted, warns the World Health Organization.

Forced Displacement:

- Significant damage has affected hundreds of thousands of people and dozens of humanitarian facilities due to new evacuation orders issued by the Israeli occupation army. At least 70,000 people have been newly displaced, and there are growing concerns about the potential for further restrictions on humanitarian aid access, especially between the southern and northern parts of the Gaza Strip.
- UNICEF reports that September witnessed the lowest amount of commercial and humanitarian supplies entering Gaza since at least March 2024. The dietary diversity among children aged 6 to 23 months, as well as pregnant and breastfeeding women, has deteriorated across the entire Gaza Strip.
- Israeli bombardment from the air, land, and sea continues to be reported across much of the Gaza Strip, resulting in further civilian casualties, displacement, and destruction of houses and other civilian infrastructure.
- The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) warns that approximately 68% of agricultural land in Gaza has been damaged, heightening the imminent risk of famine and threatening current and future food production capabilities.

- An estimated 85% of Gaza's population, around 1.93 million individuals, have been forcibly displaced.
- Nearly 1.4 million displaced persons seek refuge in overcrowded UNRWA facilities, exacerbating their vulnerability.

Healthcare Access and Challenges:

- Efforts to scale up assistance are hampered by limited access and ongoing security challenges.
- Critical shortages of medical personnel and supplies, including anesthesia and antibiotics, are leaving healthcare workers struggling to save lives.

Public Health Crisis:

- Gaza faces a public health catastrophe due to unsafe water resources, overcrowding, and lack of basic hygiene needs.
- Increasing temperatures worsen the sanitation crisis, impacting over 1.7 million forcibly displaced individuals.
- The lack of safe drinking water exposes civilians to waterborne diseases and dehydration.
- Dire water and sanitation conditions, coupled with overcrowding, have led to a surge in preventable illnesses and premature death.

Infrastructure Damage:

- Sewage overflow and waste accumulation in the streets and around shelters for IDPs pose significant public health risks.
- The lack of fuel further exacerbates the situation, hindering the functionality of essential services and necessitating urgent international support.

Recorded Attacks on Health Facilities and Personnel:

- About **986** personnel were martyred in the health sector, more than 310 were arrested by the Israeli occupying forces, Hundreds were injured and 130 ambulances were destroyed by the occupying forces.
- Deliberate targeting of medical infrastructure has left civilians without access to essential healthcare services.

Situation in the West Bank:

- Since 7 October 2023, 757 Palestinians, including 165 children, have been martyred, and more than 6,250 have been injured across the West Bank and Jerusalem.
- WHO reports over 600 attacks on healthcare facilities and personnel in the West Bank since October 7, 2023.
- The Israeli occupation's intensified movement restrictions have further exacerbated the humanitarian crisis in the West Bank, limiting access to essential healthcare services for the

population. The widespread displacement of Palestinians, coupled with the destruction of residential structures and infrastructure, has left thousands without access to basic necessities and exposed them to heightened risks of disease, injury, and death.

Urgent Needs:

- Immediate cessation of Israeli aggression to prevent further loss of life.
- Implementation of international humanitarian laws to protect health institutions and civilians.
- Unconditional entry of humanitarian supplies into Gaza to address critical shortages.
- Assistance in evacuating the wounded for lifesaving medical care abroad.
- Halting forcible displacement of civilians and supporting search and rescue operations.

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